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INDECOM gets 1st murder conviction

April 13, 2016 – The Independent Commission of Investigations has secured its first murder conviction when a seven (7) member jury found Cons. Lincoln McCoy guilty of the murder of Jessica King.

On August 4, 2013, Cons. McCoy shot and killed Ms. King and then made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself at the Errol Flynn Marina in Port Antonio at approximately 5:45 p.m.

INDECOM arrested and charged McCoy for the murder of Ms. King on September, 4, 2013. Following his arrest, he was taken before the Port Antonio Resident Magistrates Court to answer to the charge. His attorney, Christopher Townsend, made a bail application on his behalf, this however was denied.

The trial of Cons. McCoy began in the Home Circuit Court on April 4, 2016 before the Hon. Mr. Justice Lloyd Hibbert. The matter was prosecuted by Crown Counsels, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms. Paula Llewellyn Q.C. and Mr. Joel Brown.

Cons. McCoy gave sworn evidence and called no witnesses.

INDECOM Convictions

While the Commission has had four (4) previous convictions, this matter represents the first murder conviction. Additionally, case brings the number of matters completed in court for INDECOM to five (5), and the number of convictions emanating from an INDECOM investigation to five (5).

Background

The reports received by INDECOM from the police indicated that Ms. King, a 21 year old Cashier of Mil Bank District in Portland and 26 year old Constable McCoy who was attached to the Buff Bay CIB Office were allegedly in a relationship that turned sour. Both persons met at the Errol Flynn Marina and while conversing shots were fired and both were subsequently found lying on the ground. They were taken to the Port Antonio Hospital where Ms. King was pronounced dead. Constable McCoy was treated and later airlifted to the Kingston Public Hospital for further treatment.